



## DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

### DRILLING TOOL FOR A SURGICAL DRILL

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

[ X ] was filed on **June 18, 2003** as United States Application Number **10/606,950** or PCT International Application Number \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_, which was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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And I hereby appoint the practitioners at Customer Number 20028 as my attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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Wherefore I pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, and I hereby subscribe my name to the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

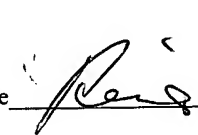
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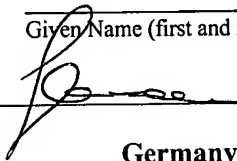
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